(c) whether these aircraft would be sufficient to match the power of the sophisticated weapons Pakistan is getting from United States in the event of that country deciding to use those weaponary against India?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The first batch of seven Mirage-2000 aircraft against the contract for purchase of 40 Mirage-200 have arrived in India. Deliveries of the remaining aircraft are expected to be completed in accordance with an agreed schedule.

(c) Yes, Sir.

**Frequent Load Shedding of Power in States**

897. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware of frequent load shedding of power in various States; and

(b) if so, what steps the Central Government are taking to ensure adequate supply of power in the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To improve the power supply position in the country, the Government has undertaken a number of measures including renovation and modernisation of thermal stations with a Central assistance of Rs. 500 crores and special attention to acceleration of commissioning of projects under implementation.

898. [*Transferred to the 9th August,* 1985.]

**Orders to Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company**

899. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of orders given by Railways to the Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company (BWE) to manufacture wagons during the last three years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): The number of wagons ordered on Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company (BWE) during 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 is as under:

(*Figs. in four-wheelers*)

| Name of the firm | 1982-83 | 1983-84 | 1984-85 |
|---|---|---|---|
| BWEL/Muzaffarpur | 645.5 | 675 | 490 |
| BWEL/Mokameh | 645 | 750 | 590 |
| | 242.5* | — | 340* |
| TOTAL FOR BWEL : | 1533.0 | 1425 | 1420 |

*For DEFENCE.